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## WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

### Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission FISH-FOR-FREE DAY

Pennsylvania Fish for Free Day **Thursday, July 4**, allow anyone (resident or non-resident) to legally fish on PA waterways on the designated days with **NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED** All other fishing regulations still apply FMI visit: <https://www.fishandboat.com/Fishing/Regulations/Documents/SummaryBook.pdf>

### 8th Annual Portland -UMBT July 4th Parade

The 8th annual Portland - UMBT parade will kick off at **11:00 AM on Thursday, July 4th** beginning in Portland. [See parade route details page 8](#)

### UMBT July 4th Fireworks

The Upper Mt Bethel Township Park Board will host the annual fireworks display to celebrate July 4th on **Saturday, July 6 (Rain date July 7) at dusk** at the Community Park, located at 1535 Potomac Street in Upper Mount Bethel, PA. Fireworks are sponsored by Lamtec and Custom Laminating. [See details on page 8](#)

### Wind Gap Summer Sounds Concert

Come enjoy the sounds of **Brian Dean Moore** (Country Band) **Sunday, July 7, 6:00PM** at Wind Gap Borough Park, S. Lehigh Ave, Wind Gap, PA

### Mount Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Gun Show

The Mount Bethel Vol. Fire Co. will hold a Gun Show on **Sunday, July 7, 8:00AM to 3:00PM** at the fire hall, 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel, PA. [See ad on page 3 for details](#)

### EBUMCC Free Community Dinner

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church welcomes you to a FREE "Sloppy Joes" dinner on **Sunday, July 7th, 4:00PM to 4:30PM TAKE-OUT ONLY**. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. Questions, call 610-588-4453 or visit [ebumc.org](http://ebumc.org).

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**Friday, July 12**

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**Grace UMC VBS**

Grace UM Church, 404 E. Mountain Ave. Pen Argyl, Vacation Bible School "Discovery on Adventure Island" **July 8 thru 12, 6:00PM to 8:00PM.** Children ages 4-Grade 6 are welcome. FMI call the church 610-863-4811 M-Th, 9am-2pm or visit [www.worship@grace.org](http://www.worship@grace.org)

**Slate Belt Heritage Center July Programs**

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will present: "Gymnastics in the Slate Belt" on **Thursday, July 11, 7:00PM.** The Heritage Center will participate in the regional "Passport to History" weekend on **Saturday July 20 & Sunday July 21, 10:00AM to 4:00PM.** The Slate Belt Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, Pa.

**Liberty Fire Co. #2 Annual Carnival**

The Liberty Fire Co. #2 annual carnival will be held **Thursday, July 11 - Saturday, July 13,** at Liberty Fire Co., 67 N 8th Street, Bangor, PA. 18013

**Bangor Park Board Movie Night**

Bangor Park Board Movie Night "**Wonka**" **Friday July 12, (Rain Date July 13)** Movie starts at dusk and is free to the public. Refreshments will be sold. Bangor Memorial Park, 90 Eisenhart Blvd., Bangor PA. **See ad on page 3 for details**

**Slate Belt Pride Event**

Join Slate Belt Pride on **Saturday, July 13, 12:00PM to 6:00PM** for their festival on Broadway in Bangor (Between South First & Main ) **JOIN THE COMMUNITY, FEEL THE PRIDE!** Tobacco Free Event. For More Information Contact: [slatebeltlgbtpride@yahoo.com](mailto:slatebeltlgbtpride@yahoo.com) or [brittanyk@lehighvalleychamber.org](mailto:brittanyk@lehighvalleychamber.org)

**Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society Gun Show**

The Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society Gun Show will be held on **Saturday, July 13, 9:00AM to 5:00PM and Sunday, July 14, 9:00am to 2:00pm** at The Agri-Plex Hall, Allentown Fairgrounds, 17th and Chew Streets, Allentown, PA **See ad on page 5 for details**

**Weona Park Pen Argyl Summer Sounds Concert**

Come enjoy the sounds of **Waitin on Sundown** (Country Band 90's into 2000's) **Sunday, July 14, 6:00PM** at Weona Park, (Rt. 512) Pen Argyl, PA. All concerts are free Please watch for notifications (Pen Argyl Borough WEB, Facebook, Nixel, etc.) on any weather-related change of venue or rescheduling of the event.

**Bangor Park Board Family Luau at Bangor Pool**

The Bangor Park Board will host a Family Luau, **Friday July 19, 7:00pm to 9:30pm (Rain date July 20)** Fun & games for the family! Bangor Memorial Park, 90 Eisenhart Blvd., Bangor PA. **See ad on page 16 for details**

**53rd Annual Blue Mtn. Antique Gas & Steam Engine & Tractor Show**

The 53rd Annual Blue Mtn. Antique Gas & Steam Engine & Tractor Show will be held on **July 19, 20, 21** at the Jacktown Grove, 1229 Richmond Road, Bangor, PA. **See ad on page 16 for details**

**St. Peter's UMC Saylorsburg Community Fest**

St. Peter's UMC Saylorsburg will host a Community Fest on **Saturday, July 20, 3:00PM to 7:00PM,** at St. Peter's UMC, Rt. 115, Saylorsburg. FREE event! All are welcome!

**Upcoming Events continued on page 4**

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**Ackermanville United Methodist Community Drive-Thru Meal**

Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community Drive-thru meal will be held **Sunday, July 21 beginning at 3:00PM**. The church hosts a free monthly community Drive-thru meal every 3rd Sunday of the month. The church is located at 1410 Ackermanville Rd., Ackermanville, PA.

**75th Annual Plainfield Farmers' Fair**

The 75th Plainfield Farmers' Fair will be held on **Tuesday, July 23, - Saturday, July 27** at the Plainfield Farmers' Fair Grove, 1281 Bangor Road, Nazareth, PA.  
[www.plainfieldfarmersfair.com](http://www.plainfieldfarmersfair.com)

**OLMC 131st Roseto Big Time**

The 131st Annual Our Lady of Mt Carmel Roseto Big Time Celebration will be held **Wednesday, July 24 - Saturday July 27**. Religious Procession Sunday, July 28. Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Grounds, 80 Ridge Street, Roseto, PA. 18013

**First UMC Bangor Backpack Giveaway**

The First United Methodist Church of Bangor will host a Backpack Giveaway on **Saturday, July 27th, 11:00AM to 3:00PM** at the Blue Valley Farm Show, 707 American Bangor Rd. Bangor, PA. 18013

**Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt Hospitality Luncheon**

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt will hold their monthly hospitality luncheon on **Saturday, July 27, 11:30AM to 1:30PM**. The church is located at 332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor, PA 18013.

**Bangor Park Board Movie Night**

Movie Night - **"Wish" Friday August 2 at dusk, (Rain Date August 3)** Refreshments will be sold. Bangor Memorial Park, 90 Eisenhart Blvd., Bangor PA.

**Bangor National Night Out**

The Bangor Park Board will host National Night Out at Bangor Memorial Park **Tuesday, August 6, 6:00PM to 9:00PM**. Bangor Memorial Park, 90 Eisenhart Blvd., Bangor PA.

**Roseto National Night Out**

Roseto National Night Out will be held on **Tuesday, August 6** at the Roseto BallPark.

Upcoming Events continued on page 6

**NEW BUSINESS**



**Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting**

Wellness and Pilates, a new business located at 34 Market Street in downtown Bangor, Pa. held its Grand Opening on Saturday, June 22. The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Owner/Instructor Francine Huber is excited to bring her expertise and love of Pilates to the area. Her studio is dedicated to wellness and she strives to bring a safe, welcome space to the Slate Belt community that promotes both physical health and a balanced lifestyle.

For more information on Wellness and Pilates contact the studio at (570) 242-0156, or visit the website [www.pilates-and-wellness.com](http://www.pilates-and-wellness.com) Like and follow on Facebook and Instagram



Pictured L-R Cassie Zona (website design), Nesha Parker (Willow & Oak Apothecary), Francine Huber (Pilates & Wellness owner), Beth Duysen, Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce Director, Lisa Amy (State Rep. Ann Flood's Office), Brian Fenstermaker (Slate Belt Rising), Kurt Derr (State Sen. Lisa Boscola's office) and Marc Sperling, Bangor Borough Councilman.

**EBUMCC Welcomes New Minister**

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church welcomes The Rev. Todd Lattig as their new pastor. Todd is a writer, an artist and a musician. He and his wife, Bernadette, have two daughters, Katie and Lorien. Todd is passionate about liturgy, worship, mission and community building and has a profound interest in Christian history, as well as dynamic Christian education. Rev. Todd's first Sunday in the pulpit will be **July 7th** and we invite your presence as a sign of welcoming him to the church and community. For more information, go to [www.ebumc.org](http://www.ebumc.org).

**FUMC Bangor Collecting Socks and Underwear for Backpack Giveaway**

The First United Methodist Church of Bangor is collecting new socks and underwear for their 2024 FUMC Backpack Giveaway. Students going into Kindergarten through 6th grade will be getting socks and underwear free with their backpacks. The deadline to drop off socks and underwear is **Saturday, July 8th**. Sizes needed: Boy Socks: Small 5-6.5; Medium 7-8.5; and Large 9-11 Girl Socks: Small 6-10.5; Medium 10.5-4; and Large 4-10 Boys and Girls Underwear - 4; 6/8; 10/12; 14/16; and 18/20 Drop Off Locations: (more to come) The Local Scoop Bangor - 103 Broadway, Bangor, Vinny's Pizza - 1414 Blue Valley Dr., Pen Argyl, Fidelity Bank - 45 North Broadway, Wind Gap. Questions - feel free to email us at [CJPFaithDecor@yahoo.com](mailto:CJPFaithDecor@yahoo.com)

Obituary

**Gerald "Gerry" DeLong**  
**March 4, 1943 - June 19, 2024**

Gerald "Gerry" DeLong, 81, of Pen Argyl, PA passed away Wednesday, June 19, at the Slate Belt Health and Rehabilitation Center, Bangor, PA.

Gerry was born in Easton, PA on March 4, 1943, a son of the late Daniel H. and Helen (Shook) DeLong.

He was employed as a laborer for the former Donna Lee Blouse Mill in Pen Argyl, PA. Gerry was an honorary member of the Lookout Fire Co. #1 where he led the annual Lookout Fire Co. #1 Labor Day Parade for many years. He enjoyed riding his bike, hanging with his buddies, and smoking his pipe.

Gerry is survived by a niece Diane "D.D." Gilmore, 7 nephews Daniel DeLong, Jr., Edward Compton, Jr., Christopher Compton, Sr., Dennis Compton, Kevin Compton, David Compton, Sr., and Jeffrey Compton, Sr., many great nieces and nephews, and many great-great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother Daniel E. DeLong, Sr., and two sisters Grace Handelong and Lucille Compton, and one nephew Kenny Compton.

Graveside Services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to the James B. Gaffney Funeral Home, Pen Argyl, PA. Online condolences may be offered at [gaffneyparsons.com](http://gaffneyparsons.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lookout Fire Co. #1, 123 S. Main St., Pen Argyl, PA 18072.





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### Pen Argyl Borough Fire Pit Survey

Pen Argyl Borough is conducting a survey on fire pits and their use in the Borough. This survey will assist Borough Council in updating its ordinance on burning and the use of fire pits. Deadline for input is **July 19, 2024, at 4:00PM**. Please follow the link below to fill out:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdA2Nqf-3xVL6riaKs3traEefj1tEmCeYZ-dWEMcS5juTgzQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdA2Nqf-3xVL6riaKs3traEefj1tEmCeYZ-dWEMcS5juTgzQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### Weona Park Pool Pals Meeting August Meeting

The next meeting of the Weona Park Pool Pals will be held on **Monday, August 5, at 7:00PM** at the Pen Argyl Borough Hall, on Robinson Ave, Pen Argyl. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. FMI please call 610-863-6472. Donors are asked to make checks payable to: Pen Argyl Athletic Park Association and mail to: Weona Park Pool Pals, P.O. Box 42, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. All donations are tax deductible.

### Bangor 150th Anniversary Celebration Helicopter Golf Ball Drop Fundraiser

The Bangor 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee will have a Helicopter Golf Ball Drop at Bangor Memorial Park on **Saturday, August 10, at 6:00PM**, tickets available at Miller's Paint & Wallpaper Store, 100 Erdman Ave. & Bray's News Agency, 36 Broadway, PA. Proceeds benefit the Bangor 150th Anniversary celebration in 2025.

### Hope UCC Wind Gap Lemon Festival

Hope United Church in Wind Gap will host a Lemon Festival on **Friday, August 9, 4:00PM to 7:00PM** 701 Cherry & E. 2nd Streets, Wind Gap, Pa. 18091

### Bangor Park Board Car Show

Car Show, **Sunday, August 13th - 12:00PM to 4:00PM** at Bangor Park

### Blue Valley Farm Show

The Blue Valley Farm Show will be held **Tuesday, August 13 thru Saturday, August 17** at the Blue Valley Farm Show grounds 707, American Bangor Road, Bangor, PA. [www.bluevalleyfarmshowinc.com](http://www.bluevalleyfarmshowinc.com)

### Pooch Plunge Bangor Memorial Park Pool

The Bangor Park Board will host a Pooch Plunge on **Sunday, August 25**, at Bangor Memorial Park Pool, 90 Eisenhart Blvd., Bangor PA.

### Bangor Park Board Wizardfest & Magickal Market

The Bangor Park Board will host a Wizardfest & Magickal Market on **Saturday, September 7 12:00PM to dusk** followed by a movie at Bangor Memorial Park 90 Eisenhart Blvd. Bangor, PA.

### Plainfield Twsp. Vol. Fire Co. Sportsman's Drawing & Meat Raffle

**Saturday, September 21** Doors will open at 2:00 PM Drawing starts 3:00 PM Plainfield Twsp. Vol. Fire Co. 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, PA. See ad on page 5 for details

### Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory Bulls & Barrels Blow Out

The Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory will host a "BULLS AND BARRELS BLOWOUT" on **Saturday, October 12** at the Blue Valley Farm Show complex. 707 American, Bangor Rd. Bangor, PA. Watch for more details.

### Bangor Park Board Octoberfest

The Bangor Park Board will host their annual Octoberfest on **Saturday, October 12 & Sunday, October 13** at Bangor Memorial Park Pool, 90 Eisenhart Blvd., Bangor PA. Interested vendors can email for an application [bangorparkboard@gmail.com](mailto:bangorparkboard@gmail.com)



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## COMMUNITY YARD SALE DAYS

### Wind Gap Borough

Wind Gap Borough Community Yard Sale days will be held **July 12, 13, & 14**. No permit needed.

### Roseto Borough

Roseto Borough Community Yard Sale days will be held **August 2,3,4**

### Tatamy Borough

Tatamy Borough Community Yard Sale days will be held **August 24**.

## 9/11 National Memorial Trail Ride Touring

Cyclists from across the Country are participating in The 9/11 National Memorial Trail ride touring approximately 1,200 miles over 27 days fundraising for the organization. The riders have been traversing through scenic landscapes paying tribute to the memory of those affected by the events of September 11, 2001. As they ride across the terrain and peddle through some of the hottest days this year, the cyclists are taking breaks with The 9/11 National Memorial Trail partners a long the way.

On June 20, the cyclists visited with WM, a partner of the trail organization since 2021. Approximately, twenty cyclists traded their bikes in for the day to ride an air-conditioned bus around the Grand Central Landfill facility learning how landfill gas can create electricity and how closed portions of the landfill become open space and a certified wildlife habitat. Following the bus tour, the group enjoyed a lunch and learn session with bird bander Kevin Kelly, an employee of Grand Central's working toward his Master Federal Bird Banding License while training under the mentorship of Jere Schade, the landfill's Master Bird Bander. Together, we watched closely as Kevin placed a small bracelet like band around the ankle of the small falcon as he explained the importance of the citizen science project. "The bands are like a social security number. And



if the bird is ever found, the finder can report that band number to the Bird Banding Laboratory and together we all learn the patterns of the birds." Explained Kevin Kelly.

While the cyclists are out rallying their communities to help raise funds for The 9/11 National Memorial Trail, the organization recently received a generous matching grant of \$10,000 by anonymous donor. The riders haven't yet raised the funds to match the donation and interested donors are welcome to make a pledge by visiting [https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/VA/Arlington/911NationalMemorialTrailTour?fbclid=IwZXh0bG9hZm90CMTAAAR0HxCePtZ5wlel\\_tz7nj2l3JTOUMbgaKnML5l7j5NT10Gp9ehFV5OwkBo\\_aem\\_JB4iwZWBgCmrDBNPO8Hpag](https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/VA/Arlington/911NationalMemorialTrailTour?fbclid=IwZXh0bG9hZm90CMTAAAR0HxCePtZ5wlel_tz7nj2l3JTOUMbgaKnML5l7j5NT10Gp9ehFV5OwkBo_aem_JB4iwZWBgCmrDBNPO8Hpag). All proceeds and fundraising efforts will contribute to the ongoing maintenance and development of the 9/11 National Memorial Trail, ensuring that its significance endures for future generations.

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## Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs July

### Fishing Equipment Available - Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm.

Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth. Borrow fly rods, spinning rods, fly boxes, and tackle to use in Jacobsburg's creeks! To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. Persons age 16 and older must possess a current fishing license to fish. Adults can help children under 16 fish without a license. Bait is not provided. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

### DiscoverE Adventure Backpacks Available - Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm.

Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth. Borrow a backpack full of kid-friendly tools to explore Jacobsburg! These backpacks are best for families with young children. Each backpack includes binoculars, notepad, colored pencils, magnifying lens, bug box, dip net, and five field guides for exploring the pond, insects, birds, trees, butterflies and moths. For more information call 610-746-2801 or emailjacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

### Weekly Weeders - Thursdays, July 4, 11, 18, 25. 8:30am to 10:30am.

Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden every Thursday morning from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Registration is required.

### Hike for Health - Wednesday, July 10 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

Get moving after work with a brisk hike at Jacobsburg! These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 3 miles over uneven terrain. You must be able to maintain a hiking pace of two miles per hour to attend. Dogs are welcome to hike on a leash. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole at 400 Belfast Road. This monthly hiking program will repeat on August 14, September 4, and October 2 at the same time and place. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

### Introduction to Field Botany - Saturday, July 20 at 10:00am to 11:00am.

Many plants may look similar at first glimpse, and it can be overwhelming trying to sort them all out. Join us and learn basic skills in plant identification using keys and field guides. We will focus on common plants and plant families found at Jacobsburg. Please bring water, a snack, wear sturdy shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. Registration is required.

### Share Your Yard with Nature - Saturday, July 20 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Lawns are hard work. They need the proper amount of fertilizer and water and let's not forget all the mowing! On top of that they don't provide much useful habitat to pollinators and other wildlife. Join us to learn about the advantages of letting go of that grass by converting some lawn to meadow or woodland. Please bring water, a snack, wear sturdy shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. Registration is required.

### Northampton County Junior Conservation School - Sunday, July 14 to Saturday, July 20.

This week long residential environmental education experience offers students ages 13-17 an opportunity to work with other youth and adults in a hands-on, non-traditional learning experience. Instruction includes hiking, archery, camping, canoeing, forest ecology, boater water safety, water quality monitoring, firearms safety and handling, and other outdoor experiences. Conservation School places a strong emphasis on field experiences to educate and instill a conservation ethic in its students. The program is designed to develop the leaders of the next generation who have an awareness of the critical environmental and ecological issues that affect our communities and how decision-making and management practices can limit those impacts. The school is staffed by a group of dedicated volunteers composed of sportsmen, returning students, community leaders, state agencies, and organizations. Instruction is provided by Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center and other professionals from the conservation and environmental fields. The school is held at the Northampton County 4-H Center 777 Bushkill Center Road Nazareth, PA 18064.

You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>. If you need accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least seven days notice.

**8th Annual Portland/UMBT July 4th Parade & Fireworks**

The 8th annual July 4th Portland - Upper Mt Bethel Township parade will kick off at **11:00 AM on Thursday, July 4th**. The parade will travel through parts of Portland and Upper Mount Bethel (see parade route below). Enter your decorated patriotic car in the parade or decorate your house and front lawn if you are on the parade route. Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated car, tractor, van, or truck in the parade and to the best decorated homes that fall within the parade route.

**Parade Route:** Parade begins at the traffic light in Portland, PA. From Dunkin Donuts in Portland Route 611 N. turning left onto Delaware Ave. Turning left onto Turkey Ridge Rd. Turning left onto Saddle Creek Drive. Turning Left onto Million Dollar Hwy. Turning right onto Ramblewood. Turning Left onto Totts Gap Road. Going straight onto Johnsonville Road. Crossover Rt. 512 onto Orchard Rd. Turning Left onto Evergreen Rd. Once in Evergreen Community, turning Right onto Independence Rd.. Turning Left onto Flintlock passing the clubhouse. Turning Left onto Revolutionary. Turning Left onto Powder Horn. Turning Right onto Independence exiting Evergreen Village. Turning Right onto Evergreen Road to Route 611. Parade ends at Route 611.

**Fireworks:** The annual fireworks display will be held on **Saturday, July 6, at dusk (rain date July 7)** at the Community Park, located at 1535 Potomac Street in Upper Mount Bethel. Come for a night of family fun that will include: food trucks, ice cream, wineries, and breweries, along with patriotic music. The event is sponsored by Lamtec and Custom Laminating and hosted by the Upper Mount Bethel Parks and Recreation Committee.

**Nazareth Kazoo Parade**

The Nazareth Kazoo Parade will be held on **Thursday, July 4, at 10:00AM**. Meet at the Nazareth High School parking lot, 501 E. Center Street, Nazareth, Pa. Free Kazoos and mini flags will be provided for all marchers. All are welcome!

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- JULY 13 - NATIONAL**
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**Tips to Keep Your  
Pet Safe This  
July 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Fourth of July is a great time to celebrate with friends, food and fun in the sun. But not so much fun for your pet. It's important to remember that certain events and activities can be hazardous for animals. Here are a few tips to keep your pet happy and healthy this Fourth of July!

- Loud, crowded fireworks displays are no fun for pets, who can become frightened or disoriented by the loud noise. Please resist the urge to take them to your Fourth of July festivities. Instead, keep them safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered and escape-proof area at home.
- Never use fireworks around pets! While exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns and/or trauma to the face and paws of curious pets. Even unused fireworks can pose a danger. Many types contain potentially toxic substances, including potassium nitrate, arsenic and other heavy metals.
- Be prepared in the event that your pet does escape. Keep your pets IDs up to date! It's a good idea for all your pets, even indoor-only pets, to always wear a collar with an ID tag that includes your name, phone number and any relevant contact information.





Pictured: Kyle and Alyssa Kerr, owners of Kerr's Windy Hill Farms, LLC

### Boscola Announces Two Slate Belt Farms to be Preserved as Part of Commonwealth's Farmland Preservation Program

Senator Lisa Boscola announced today that two additional farms located in the Slate Belt have been preserved as part of Pennsylvania's nation leading Farmland Preservation Program. The two farms are the Kerrs Windy Hill Farm, LLC, located in Washington Twp., which is a 10-acre beef operation and the farm owned by Barbara Rokas, located in Upper Mount Bethel Twp., which is a 42-acre crop operation. Total investment made into preserving these farms is \$181,645 with the state investing \$19,193 and Northampton County investing \$162,452.

"Our Commonwealth and Counties continue to realize the importance of preserving farmland to ensure there is farmland available for future generations by protecting it from future development. That is why I am so pleased to see these Slate Belt farms added to the Farmland Preservation Program," Senator Boscola stated. "Through farmland preservation, we ensure Pennsylvania's farming community remains the backbone of our state's economy and an irreplaceable resource that benefits our environment, crop and livestock industries, rural communities, and grocery shoppers." The announcement means that the Commonwealth's Farmland Preservation Program added an additional 2,629 acres on 28 farms in 19 counties. Since 1988, when voters overwhelmingly supported creation of the Farmland Preservation Program, Pennsylvania has protected 6,392 farms and 639,254 acres in 58 counties from future development, investing more than \$1.7 billion in state, county, and local funds.

### Tristan Frisch Eagle Scout Project Community Blood Drive

Tristan Frisch a Life Scout of Troop 102 and resident of Saylorsburg is hosting a Community Blood Drive in memory of his grandmother. During the last 10 years of her life she was very ill and required over 200 units of blood.

That inspired Tristan as he saw first hand how important donating blood is and wanted to help his community and honor his grandmother. His goal is to collect 1,000 pints of blood. His project will run until **July 31**. You can help by scheduling your donation appointment by calling 1-800-223-6667 ext. 2or by using the link P.O. Box 33, Bangor, PA. 18013

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**WM Presents \$10,000 Check to Wind Gap Fire Company at Annual Carnival**  
 Wind Gap Fire Company received a surprise donation at their Annual Fireman's Carnival on June 29th. Representatives of the Volunteer Fire Company accepted a \$10,000 donation from WM's Grand Central Landfill and Hauling Sr. Community Relations Specialist Adrienne Fors. The donation will support the purchase of fire safety equipment.



Pictured: Volunteer Fire Company members L-R Captain Kyle Butz, Adrienne Fors, Dan Sinclair and George Hinton.

See more Wind Gap Fire Co. Carnival photos page 13



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**Trinity Lutheran Church New Clothing Closet**  
 Trinity Lutheran Church in Bangor now has a free clothing closet available for area residents. It will be open on the **first and third Saturday of every month from 11:00AM to 1:30PM**. Clothing for men, women and children of all ages is available including: pants, tops, socks, shoes and underwear. Each person may take four items every time the closet is open. Please call the church office, at 610-588-2023 for more information. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 404 Broadway, Bangor, PA.

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### Bangor Park Board Teen Splashdance

*Photos by Lisa Newberry*

The Bangor Park Board hosted a Teen Splash Dance on Friday, June 21 at Bangor Memorial Park Pool. The weather was hot and it was a perfect night to splash in the pool! The next Bangor Park Board event will be a movie night on July 12 featuring the movie "Wonka." [See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



### Swing at the Stand

*Photos by Lisa Newberry*

The 20th annual "Swing at the Stand" hosted by the Pen Argyl Area High School Class of 1961 was held on Saturday, June 22 at Weona Park in Pen Argyl. Friends gathered to reminisce, and listen and dance to music provided by DJ Frank Zito. It was a great night. [See more photos on our Facebook page](#)





### Quarry Bites & Brews

*Photos by Lisa Newberry*

The crowd enjoyed the sounds of "Steel Creek" the featured band at Quarry Bites and Brews along with food, ice cream, local beer and wine. Every Thursday, Quarry Bites and Brews features food trucks, vendors and a live band in downtown Bangor from 6:00PM-9:00PM. Celebrate July 4th at QBB, with live music by the Sixteen Candles Duo.

See more photos on our Facebook page



### Capitol ACE Hardware 100th Anniversary Block Party & Car Cruise

*Photos by Candy Martin*

Capitol ACE Hardware held a 100th Anniversary Block Party & Car Cruise on Saturday, June 29, at the Capitol ACE Hardware located at 438 Blue Valley Drive, Bangor, PA. See more photos on our Facebook page



### The Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory All Motor Show

*Photos by Lisa Newberry*

The Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory Committee held an All Motor Show on Saturday, June 21st at the Blue Valley Farm Show grounds. [See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



### Wind Gap Fire Co Carnival

*Photos by Lisa Newberry*

The Wind Gap Fire Company held their annual carnival the weekend of June 27, 28 & 29. The carnival featured Free rides, nightly entertainment, good food, games, and more! The carnival was enjoyed by all who attended. [See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



**New in the Bangor Public Library**

**Adult Fiction** - Red Sky Mourning by Jack Carr; The Glassmaker: A Novel by Tracy Chevalier; The Next Mrs. Parrish: A Novel by Liv Constantine; The Midnight Feast: A Novel by Lucy Foley The Little French Bistro: A Novel by Nina George; King of Wrath by Ana Huang Same as if Ever Was by Claire Lombardo Lolita by Vladimir Vladimirovich Nabokov Sandwich: A Novel by Catherine Newman Middle of the Night: A Novel by Riley Sager 15 Summers Later by RaeAnne Thayne; The Royal Librarian by Daisy Wood; Familiaris by David Wroblewski.

**Adult Non Fiction** - When the Sea Came Alive: An Oral History of D-Day by Garrett M. Graff; The War on Warriors: Behind the Betrayal of the Men Who Keep Us Free by Pete Hegseth What This Comedian Said Will Shock You by Bill Maher; Crossing the Desert: The Power of Embracing Life's Difficult Journeys by Payam Zamani.

**Easy Fiction** - Hannah and Sugar by Kate Berube; Who's That Knocking on Christmas Eve? by Jan Brett; Count to 10 With a Mouse by Margaret Wise Brown Summer: A Solstice Story by Kelsey Ebben Gross.

**Junior Fiction** - Making Friends (4) Together Forever by Kristen Gudsnuik.

**Junior Non Fiction** - Solstice: Around the World on the Longest, Shortest Day by Jen Breach.

**Young Adult Fiction** - ASAP by Axie Oh.

The Bangor Public Library is located at 39 S. Main Street, Bangor, PA. The phone number is 610-588 4136. **Hours: Mon., 1-8pm; Tues., 10am-8pm; Wed., 1-8pm; Thurs., 10am-8pm; Fri., 1-5pm; Sat., 10am-4pm; Sun. Closed.**



**Summer Fun With the Blue Mountain Community Library**

The summer program with the Blue Mountain Community Library at the Plainfield Township Municipal Pavilion. The event is for children ages 4-9 and begins at **10:30AM** rain or shine. Register now! Stop by the library or call 610-863-3029 registration is required.



**Summer Program Dates**

**July 10 & 24** - Wind Gap Borough Park, Wind Gap.  
**August 7 & 21** Weona Park, Pen Argyl.

The Blue Mountain Community Library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. **Hours are 10-12, Monday thru Saturday mornings and 6-8, Monday and Thursday evenings.** All information is available on our Facebook page and website @www.bmcl.org.

**Readers Raffle**

Attention library patrons of all ages! This summer each time your library card is scanned you will earn a coupon and be entered into our raffle. Read and win a chance for a free pizza! Two lucky winners will be chosen on the following dates: **Wednesday July 31, and Thursday, August 29.**

The Blue Mountain Community Library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. **Hours are 10-12, Monday thru Saturday mornings and 6-8, Monday and Thursday evenings.** All information is available on our Facebook page and website @www.bmcl.org.

**Blue Mt. Community Library Board Members Sell Sundaes at Summer Sounds Concert**



Members of the Blue Mountain Community Library sold sundaes at the Weona Park Summer Sounds concert on Sunday, June 16. The concert featured music by the band "Philadelphia Funk Authority"

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 7 A.M. to 9 P.M. Friday & Saturday  
 7 A.M. to 4 P.M. Sunday

featuring: John Deere 6 HP Engine

**JULY 19-20-21 2024**  
 1229 RICHMOND ROAD • BANGOR, PENNSYLVANIA  
**JACKTOWN GROVE**

<p><b>ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>FRIDAY, JULY 19</b></p> <p>6:00 P.M. - Antique Tractor Pull</p> <p>6:00 - 9:00 P.M. - Desire</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, JULY 20</b></p> <p>9:00 A.M. Antique Tractor Pull</p> <p>1:00 - 4:00 P.M. - Dave &amp; Brenda Duo</p> <p>6:00-9:00 P.M. - Steel Creek</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, JULY 21</b></p> <p>9:00 A.M. - Church Service</p> <p>1-4:00 P.M. - The Rehrig Brothers</p>	<p>STEAM SHED DEMONSTRATIONS</p> <p>AMERICAN SAWMILL</p> <p>BUTCHER SHOP</p> <p>PRINT SHOP</p> <p>FARM EQUIPMENT DISPLAY</p> <p>TRAIN RIDES</p> <p>65 CASE STEAM TRACTOR</p> <p>JACKTOWN RAILROAD</p> <p>CRAFTS • FLEA MARKET</p> <p>FUNNEL CAKES</p> <p>JACKTOWN ICE CREAM</p> <p>DEMONSTRATIONS DAILY</p> <p>FARM MUSEUM</p>
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**SUNDAY • JULY 21**  
**KIDS' PEDAL TRACTOR PULL**  
 Sign up 10:00 am • Pull 11:00 am  
 (TRACTOR PROVIDED)

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**FREE PARKING**  
**FREE ENTERTAINMENT**

ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH  
 For More Information Call: 610-588-6900 (Show Times Only) • 570-897-8601 (Denny Horn) • 610-588-7360 (Tom Bulst)

Bangor Borough  
**FAMILY Luau PARTY**  
 AT MEMORIAL PARK POOL

**FRIDAY JULY 19TH**  
 7pm-9:30pm **\$3 ADULTS**  
**\$2 AGES 3-17**

INCLUDES POOL ADMISSION, MUSIC, GAMES, CONTESTS WITH PRIZES, AND 1 SOUVENIR PER FAMILY. FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

FOR MORE INFO CALL 6105886894  
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